

The Examiner also required election of species for search and prosecution. This is understood as requiring the identification of a single quaternary ammonium surfactant and a single non-ionic surfactant. The following two surfactants are Elected as species:

(1) as a quaternary ammonium surfactant the compound 1-(2-octadecenamidoethyl)-2-heptadecenyl-3-methylimidazolinium methylsulfate; and

(2) as a non-ionic surfactant PEG dioleate.

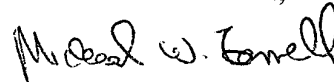
Both compounds are in formula O. If a particular molecular weight for the non-ionic surfactant is required, Applicant elects the PEG dioleate (PEG-600-dioleate) of formula O.

Following is a Table listing Claims remaining in the case readable on the elected species and the reason the claim is readable thereon.

Claims Readable on Elected Species	Reason Readable
1-10	Generic to all species elected or non-elected
11	Subgeneric to imidazolinium salts
12	PEG dioleate is an alkoxylated fatty acid
13	PEG dioleate is an ethoxylated fatty acid
14	PEG dioleate is as polyethylene glycol ester of a fatty acid and the elected quaternary ammonium surfactant is an imidazolinium salt
15-17	Generic to all species elected or non-elected
18-19	Generic to quaternary ammonium surfactants. The elected species of non-ionic surfactant is an alkoxylated fatty acid with 18 carbon atoms in the fatty acid. Such surfactants may have an HLB value greater than 10.
31	Claim 31 is generic to non-ionic surfactants. The elected quaternary compound is of the specified formula for dialkylmethyl imidazolinium compounds.
32-35	The elected species are of the recited features; with respect to Claim 35, most polyethylene glycol esters are believed manufactured by this method.

The foregoing elections are made without traverse and are believed to constitute a complete response to the Official action of March 26, 2001. If for any reason the Examiner wishes to discuss this case, the Examiner is invited to call at the number listed below.

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